

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council and Department Heads met in regular session on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Percy J. Purnell, Jr., Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Raymond D. Anderson, Councilman
Kimberly B. Lawson, Councilman
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Mike Tabor, Chief of Police
Noah Bradshaw, Inspector
Michael Sullivan, Attorney

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Liz Holland, Richard Crumbacker; Arnold Ajello; Eddie & Sue Heath; Irving Saltz; Kara Evans; Rachael Evans; Lynne Brumley; Lee Brumley; Hailie Brumley; Deanna Mayne; Quinna Marshall; Taylor Marshall; Ashlyn Heath; Joanne Swift; Paige Swift; Blair Landon; Sandy Landon; Heather, Chelsea and Jerrod Duncan; Dina Magnone and David Marquis.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Purnell called the meeting to order, opening with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION TO THE CRISFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Mayor Purnell congratulated members of the Crisfield Field Hockey team for their winning season as Bayside Champs and State Semi Finalists.

Councilman Lawson congratulated the girls and noted that during the fall he had been ill, but had followed their games. He added that he is proud of the team.

At this time, Mayor Purnell presented each girl with a personalized embroidered sweatshirt, done in Crisfield High School colors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Purnell requested approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2012 special meeting, the January 17th special and closed meeting, and the special meeting of February 1, 2013.

Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

CHIEF MIKE TABOR

Chief Tabor presented his monthly report, highlighting its contents. He noted that the City had received tentative approval from USDA for one SUV and two vehicles. He advised that the other half of the funding has not been approved yet. He noted that there will be \$8,600-9,000 in out of pocket expenses.

Mayor Purnell the Chief to come back with a recommendation for the Mayor and

City Council. Chief Tabor also noted that he had not heard from the G.O.C.P. either.

Mayor Purnell commented about the City's camera system and advised that the City had a no-money agreement with the Housing Authority, looking at a camera for the beach and the park.

Chief Tabor advised that the City is now dealing with Teltronics.

JOYCE L. MORGAN, CLERK-TREASURER

Mrs. Morgan presented the financial report through 1/31/13.

Mayor Purnell commended Mrs. Morgan on her detailed FEMA reporting.

Mrs. Morgan also presented a Hurricane Insurance update. Mayor Purnell noted that the City had taken a hit on the loss of vehicles.

Mrs. Morgan also presented the detailed audit from Charter Communication as per the Audit review request.

Mrs. Morgan also presented an update concerning the overtime at the Housing Authority.

NOAH BRADSHAW, INSPECTOR

Mr. Bradshaw presented his monthly report, highlighting its contents. He noted that posting of demolition orders on some of the homes damaged by Sandy mean that they are not habitable. Councilman Lawson made reference to long term recovery. Mr. Bradshaw advised that Mitch Simpson, the Long Term Recovery Case Worker, opened his office on February 11,

2013 and is there Monday through Friday.

Mayor Purnell noted that the bid for the depot was due to be opened today, but due to addendums, will be opened Friday at 2:00 p.m. He advised that the engineer, GMB, will open and review the bid, present them at a special meeting of the Mayor and Council to be scheduled.

FOLLOW UP – AT & T WATER TOWER

Mr. Sullivan advised that Mr. Ahmed had passed the City's requirement along to the AT & T legal department. He advised that the rent will increase by \$129 per month, with annual adjustments and they will also need a building permit.

FOLLOW UP – REQUEST FOR WATER CONNECTION

Mr. Sullivan made reference to the January 17, meeting and the request for a water connection from Les Outten. Mr. Sullivan noted Section 109-9 of the City Code which authorizes the City to deny such a request. Mayor Purnell suggested removing the section of the code that allows it. Mr. Sullivan advised that it would be C 9-9.

Councilman Konapelsky inquired why they should be denied if they pay.

Mayor Purnell advised that 1) it is the Sanitary District's responsibility; and 2) the line was originally run down Mariners Road and by the Mariners Church. The line was sold in parts up Old State Road and just recently there have been two major leaks and road repairs caused by the line.

At this time, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to remove the section of the City Code giving the City the authority to extend water to private lines. Mr. Sullivan added that section 109-9 should be removed also. Motion seconded by Councilman Lawson and carried unanimously.

Councilman Atkins inquired if the line breaks, does the City fix it. Mayor Purnell advised that we do.

Mrs. Morgan noted that the hospital line owners were forced to replace their line lines themselves.

DISPLACED SANITARY DISTRICT CUSTOMER

Mrs. Morgan presented a request from the Sanitary District requesting a credit from the City for a customer that was displaced due to Hurricane Sandy.

During a brief discussion, it was concurred that no credit would be issued, as the customer would be getting a new home on the property and would need to keep paying the charge to hold the EDU. No action was needed from the Council for this matter.

EVENT APPLICATIONS

Mayor Purnell reviewed event application requests for the evening's meeting; Women Supporting Women – Annual 5K Run & Walk – to be held on 5/18/13 with all of the necessary paper work. Approval so moved by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

Freedom Fest – (This event has been assumed by the American Legion) to be held on Friday, July 5th from 4:00 – 11:00 p.m. Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the event application contingent upon receipt of an insurance certificate. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. John Dize commented that the Sanitary District was no help to them after Sandy.

Mrs. Sue Heath thanked the Mayor and Council for the sweat-shirts. Mayor Purnell commented that it cost the City a total of \$165.

Mr. Irving Saltz inquired about outside water users piggybacking on water lines. Mayor Purnell advised that this is illegal.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Lawson made reference to working with agencies concerning FEMA designated money for homes. He also commented that there had been no damage at the park from Hurricane Sandy.

Councilman Konapelsky addressed several issues. He made reference to meeting with the Housing Authority. He advised that they were very helpful and he was well treated. He advised that the City needs to turn a positive attitude toward the Housing Authority.

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to request for a dog control ordinance. He also requested that the City move forward in hiring a City Manager.

Councilman Konapelsky advised that he had a list of businesses who want the Police Department to remain at the bank building location. Councilman Konapelsky requested that Department Heads be present only for quarterly reports, getting their reports in a week or two prior to the monthly meeting for the Council to review so they can be notified if they are needed. At this time, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion that the Department Heads give quarterly presentations, but get their information to the Mayor and Council prior to the meetings. Motion seconded by Councilman Lawson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Arnold Ajello commented that he feels that it is not fair to the public and wants a monthly report.

Councilman Atkins stated that he is concerned with revenue decreases and commented that the American Legion is taking over the Freedom Fest, there will be no "Movies on the Dock" and that the Arts Council has taken over the Strawberry Festival. He asked that the need for funding the Event's Planner's position be placed on the table for consideration during budget preparation.

Council Vice President Johnson made reference to a Dog Control Ordinance and stated that she has been subjected to dog problems as well.

Mayor Purnell noted that the City is currently under the County leash law.

Mayor Purnell noted that the grant was approved for the Main and Somerset Stop Light. In reference to the City Manager, the Mayor advised that this would be brought up

during budget preparation.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that he would like to establish what the City is looking for. He also advised that at the next meeting, he would like discussion about the police department location.

Mayor Purnell advised that he has no problem with a discussion, noting that it would cost the City \$36K to rent the building, \$20K per year, if purchasing and electricity costs of \$27 K per year.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that the wind turbine would save \$20K per month in electricity costs for the WWTP. Councilman Lawson advised getting Davis, Bowen and Friedel, to provide the City with the savings and the amount that would offset the cost of the treatment plant.

Councilman Atkins commented that he would like to see more pros and cons about the current location of the police dept. versus the old location.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that the Council needs voices at the next meeting concerning the police department.

Mayor Purnell also noted that he would like the Council to attend the next Housing Authority Board meeting.

There being no further business for discussion, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary

